

27. The method of claim 26, wherein the first epitaxial deposition is performed over a duration, and a sum of the ramp duration and the second duration is greater than the duration of the first epitaxial deposition.

28. The method of claim 26, wherein the first duration has substantially the same duration as the second duration.

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29. The method of claim 27, wherein the first duration has substantially the same duration as the second duration.

REMARKS

This is a preliminary amendment in which claims 1-9 have been canceled and claims 10-29 have been added to further define Applicants' contribution to the art. An early and favorable action is hereby earnestly solicited.

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